

Retiring Offsite Legacy Magnetic Tapes

Peter – go clean up your room -- Vicky and Bob

- We are presently holding, and paying rent on, 92000 magnetic tapes in an offsite storage facility in Chicago.
 - Most of these are old 9 track raw data tapes circa 1990
 - Most of them were accepted into the tape vault on my watch
 - No one in CDiV can recall a request for any of these since they were shipped offsite (~10 years).
 - Its time to retire these and save some money.
- We plan to “make these go away” by April 15 when the storage lease is up for renewal.
- If there are any good reasons to keep some of these tapes we need to know **now**.



Our Plan



- These tapes are going away by April 15. “Fargo” is an option.
 - We haven’t owned a 9 track tape drive in ~ 5 years – we can’t read them.
 - If there is a good scientific reason to change this we can and will.
 - To our best understanding these are raw data tapes – not DSTs
- We would prefer not to have to sort through these.
 - But if somebody really wants theirs shipped to them we’ll do that.
 - So far everyone I’ve heard from agrees that these tapes can all go away.
- This is analogous to what we did with bubble chamber film years ago.



Which tapes are these?

Owner	Tapes	Fraction		Last Pub	Contacts		OK
E687	12037	13.1%	13.1%	2004	Butler	Cumalat	
E731A E731B	9449	10.3%	23.4%	1997	Tschirhart	Wah	yes
E594 E649 E733 E744 E770	9274	10.1%	33.4%	2001	Bernstein	Shaevitz	
E791	8426	9.2%	42.6%	2006	Appel	Purohit	
BS / CDiV	8333	9.1%	51.6%		several		yes
E665	6357	6.9%	58.6%	2000	Schellman	Wolbers	
E761 E781	5551	6.0%	64.6%	2000	Cooper		yes
E400	5322	5.8%	70.4%	1989	Peoples	Butler	yes
E691	3968	4.3%	74.7%	1993	Witherell		
E773 E799	3006	3.3%	78.0%	1998	Tschirhart	Wah	yes
E741	2576	2.8%	80.8%	2005	Shochet		
E008 E756 E621	2063	2.2%	83.0%	2003	Devlin	Thomson	yes
E653	1585	1.7%	84.7%	1996			
E683	1473	1.6%	86.3%	1997			
E706	1114	1.2%	87.5%	2005			
All Others	11477	12.5%	100.0%				
9 Trk / 3480 / 8mm / All	64552	17913	8426	92011			



More Info - Which where and whose tapes

- List of offsite tapes
 - http://www-cdserver.fnal.gov/cd_fnal/css/ess/Offsite-tape Storage/

- Access to the Tapes Database
 - <https://miscomp.fnal.gov/tapesdb/>

VSN	CREATE_DATE	ASSIGNED_TO	MEDIA_TYPE	COMMENTS
HZ3200	13-AUG-90		9TRK	
HZ3201	13-AUG-90		9TRK	
HZ3202	13-AUG-90		9TRK	

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- After March 15 we'll start to act on this plan

